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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 5568

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SUBJECT: US-EC NINE CONSULTATIONS

1. DURING MEETING WITH DCM ON NOV 12 FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM HIS BRITISH COUNTERPART THAT DURING RECENT VISIT OF MESSRS. SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN TO LONDON THERE HAD BEEN SOME TALK OF GIVING A NEW IMPULSE TO REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SENIOR US OFFICIALS AND THE EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS. RUTTEN REFERRED TO THE SEVERAL MEETINGS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THIS FRAMEWORK LAST YEAR. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT PRODUCED THE DESIRED RESULT IN THE FORM OF A JOINT US-EC DECLARATION, RUTTEN
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FELT THEY HAD SERVED A VERY USEFUL PURPOSE. HE ALSO

FELT THAT THE FRENCH, WHO HAD BEEN A PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK TO AGREEMENT ON THE KIND OF DECLARATION THE US HAD IN MIND, HAD NOW (AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE) FEWER HANGUPS ABOUT MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US AT THE SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. RUTTEN CONCLUDED THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD FAVOR REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, AND WONDERED HOW THE US FELT ABOUT IT.

2. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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